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EX-CIA FUGITIVE ARRESTED IN NEW YORK

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WASHINGTON (AP) - EDWIN P. WILSON, A FUGITIVE FORMER CIA AGENT CHARGED WITH AIDING LIBYAN STRONGMAN MOHAMMAR KHADAFY, WAS ARRESTED TUESDAY IN NEW YORK AFTER HE ARRIVED ON A FLIGHT FROM THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC.

ATTORNEY GENERAL WILLIAM FRENCH SMITH SAID WILSON'S ARREST BY U.S. MARSHALS AT JOHN F. KENNEDY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT WAS THE 'CONCLUSION OF AN OUTSTANDING INVESTIGATIVE EFFORT' ON THE PART OF U.S. AUTHORITIES.

WILSON, 53, WAS INDICTED BY A FEDERAL GRAND JURY IN APRIL 1980 ON CHARGES OF CONSPIRACY TO COMMIT MURDER AND ILLEGALLY SUPPLYING EXPLOSIVES TO LIBYA'S RADICAL GOVERNMENT. HE ALSO WAS CHARGED WITH SETTING UP A TERRORIST TRAINING SCHOOL IN LIBYA.

INDICTED ALONG WITH WILSON WAS FORMER CIA AGENT FRANK TERPIL, WHO ALSO HAS BEEN CONVICTED AND SENTENCED IN ABSENTIA TO A MAXIMUM OF 53 YEARS IN PRISON ON CHARGES OF CONSPIRING TO SELL MACHINE GUNS AND AMMUNITION TO UNDERCOVER AGENTS. TERPIL WAS REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN ABDUCTED BY SYRIAN AGENTS IN BEIRUT LAST NOVEMBER.

WILSON WAS EMPLOYED BY THE CIA DURING THE 1950s AND 1960s BEFORE HE LEFT THE AGENCY AND ORGANIZED AN IMPORT-EXPORT BUSINESS. AFTER HIS INDICTMENT HE RESIDED IN LIBYA.

AT A NEWS CONFERENCE, SMITH SAID THE U.S. MARSHALS SERVICE 'THROUGH EXTENSIVE INVESTIGATION CAME TO KNOW THE DOCUMENTS MR. WILSON WAS TRAVELING ON; PUT OUT INTERNATIONAL ALERTS AND TRACKED HIM THROUGH WESTERN EUROPE AND FINALLY TO THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC.'

SMITH SAID WILSON TRIED TO ENTER THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC TUESDAY MORNING BUT WAS DENIED ENTRY BY DOMINICAN AUTHORITIES AND PLACED ON A FLIGHT TO NEW YORK CITY, WHERE HE WAS ARRESTED.

SMITH SAID WILSON ARRIVED ON A NONSTOP DOMINICAN AIRLINES FLIGHT TO NEW YORK AT ABOUT 12:30 P.M. EDT AND WAS BEING BROUGHT BEFORE A U.S. MAGISTRATE IN YORK.